

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an poitically  
biased documentary  
days before the  
election is a clear  
example of the  
dangers of media  
consolidation. I  
strongly feel that  
the airing of  
"Stolen Honor" is a  
90 minute attack  
add, paid for by  
the people of the  
U.S. This is one of  
the ways the media  
is hampering  
democracy in this  
country. I am also  
writing to Sinclair  
Broadcasting to ask  
them to also  
consider airing  
"Going Upriver", to  
serve the public  
interest in showing  
two sides to a  
story.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But when  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, we get  
more of what's good  
for the bottom line  
and less of what we  
need for our  
democracy. Instead  
of something  
produced at "News  
Central" far away,  
it's more important  
that we see real  
people from our own  
communities and more  
substantive news  
about issues that  
matter.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve

more than a returned  
postcard.

I am sincerely  
appauled and worried  
about the direction  
democracy may be  
turning in our  
country.

Thank you.